

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system for communicating messages between an aircraft and ~~an a remote~~ operations center, comprising:

~~a at least one portable control and display unit; unit that is usable onboard an aircraft to transmit and receive at least one of data communication, voice communication and video communication;~~

an Aircraft Communication and Reporting System (ACARS) transceiver located on the aircraft to ~~send and receive from and transmit to (1) a data link message communication by the portable control and display unit; (2) a unit the at least one of data communication, voice communication by the control and display unit; and (3) a video communication by the control and display unit; communication;~~ and

~~a at least one peripheral device located on the aircraft;~~

wherein ~~a user employs the at least one portable control and display unit to transmit messages to and receive messages from a remote operations center via utilizes the ACARS transeeivertransceiver communicating through a VHF radio onboard the aircraft, the messages comprising the at least one of data communication, voice communication or video communication. to send and receive at least one of the aforementioned communications.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to ~~claim 2, claim 1~~, wherein the ~~data~~ at least one portable control and display unit is configured to transmit the messages can be transmitted from the aircraft while in flight.

4. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~control and display unit transmits a~~ messages comprise voice communication.

5. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 4, wherein the at least one portable control and display unit is configured to transmit voice communication ~~can be transmitted from the aircraft~~ while in flight.

6. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~control and display unit transmits messages comprise video communication, the~~ video communication comprising at least one of a real-time video stream and or single frames.~~frames of video image.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 6, wherein at least one portable control and display unit is configured to transmit the at least one of a real-time video stream and or single frames.~~frames of video image can be transmitted from the aircraft~~ while in flight.

8. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 6, wherein the real-time video stream ~~is includes~~ streaming video and single frames.

9. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one portable control and display unit onboard the aircraft is configured to function ~~functions as a cell phone~~.cellular telephone.

10. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, further comprising a SATCOM ~~antenna~~.radio.

11. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 10, wherein the ACARS transceiver switches to the SATCOM ~~antenna~~radio when ~~a the~~ VHF radio is not ~~communicating~~.communicating with the remote operations center.

12. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the ACARS transceiver transmits and receives a signal over an existing data communication network.

13. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one portable control and display device-unit onboard the aircraft controls is configured to control at least one of ~~the~~ a movement and/or the functions ~~a function~~ of the peripheral device.

14. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 13, wherein the peripheral device ~~is~~ comprises a camera.

15. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 14, wherein the at least one control and display unit onboard the aircraft is configured to control movement of ~~controls the camera movement.~~ camera.

16. (Original) The communication system according to claim 13, wherein the peripheral device is located in a cockpit of the aircraft.

17. (Original) The communication system according to claim 13, wherein the peripheral device is located in a cabin of the aircraft.

18. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, further comprising ~~a~~ at least one panic button located at least one of in or on the aircraft. aircraft and configured to alert the system of a threat condition.

19. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to claim 1, wherein the messages are encrypted.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating messages ~~with a control and display unit in-between~~ an airborne aircraft and a remote operations center, controlling a peripheral device within the aircraft using a portable control and display device, comprising:  
comprising employing a portable control and display unit onboard an aircraft  
to sending and receiving send and receive messages that include at least one of a data link communication, message by the control and display unit;

~~\_\_\_\_\_ sending and receiving a voice communication, communication by the control and display unit;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ sending and receiving or a video communication by the control and display unit; to an ACARS transceiver onboard the aircraft; and~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ obtaining the video communication from a peripheral device located in or on the plane controlled by the control and display unit.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ automatically retransmitting messages received from the portable control and display unit via the ACARS transceiver to a remote operations center; and~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ automatically retransmitting messages received from a remote operations center via the ACARS transceiver to the portable control and display unit.~~

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the portable control and display unit sends and receives the messages to and receives messages from another portable control and display unit in-onboard the aircraft.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the portable control and display unit sends and receives positional information concerning the location of the aircraft while airborne.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 23, wherein the positional information further comprises data regarding other ~~aircrafts~~ aircraft in the vicinity.

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the portable control and display unit sends and receives a sensor condition input from a physical-contact sensor on the aircraft.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 25, wherein the physical contact sensor further comprises at least one of a panic button, a fire detection and detector or a door-contacts. contact in the aircraft.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 20, claim 30, wherein the video communication~~ further comprising displaying a the streaming video video on the portable control and display unit.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 20, wherein the video communication~~ claim 27, further comprising selecting a single video frame from the streaming video to be transmitted as the video communication to ~~an the remote operations~~ center.

29. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising controlling at least one peripheral device located at least one of on or in the aircraft with the portable control and display unit.

30. (New) The method according to claim 29, wherein at least one peripheral device comprises at least one video camera, the method further comprising obtaining the video communication from at least one video camera peripheral device, wherein the video communication comprises a streaming video.